The Member said that, out of the balance of Town Fund amounting to Rs. 23,000, a sum of Rs. 12,000 was required for the works already sanctioned, Rs. 8,000 for the construction of a building for holding the Committee's Office, Rs. 2,000 for other buildings and Rs. 1,000 for a slaughter-house. Further amounts would be required for carrying out certain improvements to the town recently ordered by Government. Thus funds would not be available for the water supply scheme.

The Member pointed out that the Distillery at Nagercoil was a great nuisance. After its establishment in the centre of the town, people could not live there. Though the buildings were constructed at a cost of Rs. 2 lakhs and odd, sufficient arrangements had not been made for the removal of the refuse water from the Distillery. The people could not pass through the adjoining roads, the neighbouring tanks and wells were all contaminated and part of the town where the Distillery was located had become uninhabitable on account of the stinking refuse water. The reservoir constructed for holding the refuse water did not serve the purpose and some other arrangement should be made.

Dewan.—Pending the construction of another wash tank, orders will be issued immediately to arrange for the dirty water collecting there being removed daily.

The Member next stated that two toll-gates at Balamore and Suchindrum had been opened by the P. W. D. just outside the town limits and the Committee was rightly entitled to all the proceeds from the toll-gates after allowing a due share for the maintenance of the roads. He requested that, if the toll-gates are not to be abolished, the collections be made over to the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

103. Necessity for revising the town limits of Neyyattinkara.

Mr. S. Padmanabha Iyer (Member, T. I. C., Neyyattinkara) said that, of all the 19 T. I. C.'s in the State, the Neyyattinkara T. I. C. was the poorest in point of finance. But for the Government grant of Rs. 500, the financial condition of the Committee would have been worse. Ever since the establishment of the Committee, it had not made any appreciable progress. The reason was that due care was not bestowed in fixing the town limits at the time of the constitution of the Committee. The two important trade centres, *viz.*, Balaramapuram and Aralammudu, were not included within the town limits. The former place deserved a Committee more than Neyyattinkara. As a Conservancy station it cost Rs. 500 annually and its sanitation was in a deplorable condition. If that were included within the Neyyattinkara town limits, Government would gain Rs. 500 per annum. At Aralammudu there were a cattle market and a vegetable market on every Wednesday and Saturday. More than 10,000 persons assembled there on market days and the sanitation of the place was not attended to properly. When the Committee requested Government to include Aralammudu within the town limits, they declined to do so on the ground that the place was beyond three miles from the town. If Government were not inclined to include Balaramapuram within the T. I. C. limits, the places up to the 9th mile stone on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil road might be brought under the Committee.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

104. Suggestions for the better administration of the Town Improvement Committee, Trivandrum.

Mr. S. Adam Sait (Member, Nominated) said that the sanitation of the Trivandrum town was in many respects far from satisfactory and the Town Improvement Committee had of late been the subject of much adverse criticism from the general public. The right of the non-official members to point out defects and suggest remedial measures and also the right of interpellation were entirely nullified by the arbitrary manner in which successive Presidents of the Committee had been dealing with them.

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